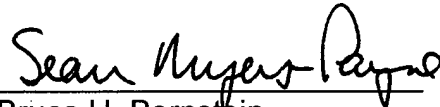


**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. The amendment to the Specification is made to comply with sequence listing requirements, and to provide a paper copy and computer-readable form of the Sequence Listing. A separate Sequence Listing Statement is attached. No new matter is added.

If there are any comments or questions, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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